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Dr. Huntington; sorry that he has fallen into such



dire disgrace; sorry that 'he is, as often, ambiguous in his utterance.' It is a bad thing for a saint to be ambiguous. The *Reformer* suggests that 'the transaction' is not a bad thing for a saint to be ambiguous. It certainly is not, while Dr. Huntington remains in such dreadful peril.

### Dramatic Feuilleton.

INSCRIBED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.  
Behold me this week, my dear General, completely disarmed.

I had intended to have a tilt with your friend Ponsard, and went to see him, last Monday, with a view to note, for the hundredth time, his weak points, when I was by a piece of self-imposed cruelty unparalled in history, he gave me such a pathetic, heart-broken recital of Hamlet's famous advice to the players, that, upon my word, I was almost moved to tears.

Think of the Subscriber almost moved to tears!

But how could it have been otherwise, considering what the French would call the 'situation'?

Imagine Forrest, of all men, saying to a company of actors:

"If you mouth it as many of our players do, I had as lief the town-crier speak my lines."

Or again:

"Do not saw the air too much with your hands, thus; but use all gently: for in the very torrent, tempest, and (as I may say) whirlwind of your passion, you must acquire and beguile a temperance that may give it smoothness. O! it offends me to the soul, to hear a robustious, periwig-pated fellow tear a passion to tatters, to very rag; to split the ears of the groundlings; who for the most part are capable of nothing but inarticulate dumb-shows and noise."

I would have such a fellow whipped, for o'er-doing 'Terment.' It out-herods Herod; I pray you, avoid it."

And yet again:

"Now this overdone, or come tardy off, though it make the unskillful laugh, cannot but make the judicious grieve; the censure of which one must, in your allowance, o'erweigh a whole theatre of others."

There are players that I have seen play, and heard others, that have highly—not to speak it profanely, that, neither having the accent of Christian, pagan, or man, have so strutted and bellowed, that I have thought that some of Nature's journeymen had made men, and not made them well—they imitated humanity so abominably."

Why on earth Forrest didn't omit these passages—every word in which would have scorched his lips—I cannot for the life of 'me' see.

He committed many other 'sins of omission' in course of the piece; but here, when, as a matter of simple self-respect, the omission was not only admissible, but imperative (for I insist that no man is called upon to satirise himself when it can possibly be avoided), he never dodged a word, but went through the whole terrible speech—terrible beyond expression, as applied to himself—with all the firmness and courage of a martyr.

Moreover, in less than five minutes he flung hatred and full defiance in the teeth of Hamlet, by going resolutely back to his old business of splitting the ears of the groundlings, and doing it with as much pertinacity and vim as ever "Honest Old Abe" exhibited in splitting rails.

And the groundlings—who, as Hamlet says, "are capable of nothing but inarticulate dumb shows and noise," were delighted, while the sensible people, "the censure of one of which must o'erweigh a whole theatre of others," had to sit by, with stopped ears, and make the best of it.

After all, General, as a mere matter of business, Forrest may be right.

I studied the house very carefully all through the performance, and, so far as I could judge, the great majority were against Hamlet and on the side of Forrest.

It is so in every other department of life. What people want is noise.

It is of no use to say that you would have a fellow whipped for o'er-doing Terment, for the chances are ten to one that he will be whipped if he don't over-do it; and when Hamlet or anybody else talks of the censure of one man o'erweighing a whole theatre of others, the obvious reply is that it is not the 'one,' but 'the whole theatre of others' upon which the actor depends for support.

And, as just suggested, it is the same with preachers, with authors, with artists, and with everybody else who undertakes to cater for the public.

I think, General, that if you consult the editor of the SATURDAY PRESS, of whom, from motives of delicacy, I never care to speak, myself, he will tell you that it is the same, and, with the journalist, who, if he would make money (and if he would not, he is a more impracticable enthusiast), must appeal not to the few wise men in the world, but to the vast multitude of fools.

And the vast multitude of fools who fill our theatres, whether they reside in the metropolis or come from the various regions of Peoria (Wesolonga, Communipaw, Philadelphia, Witzengurgangum, Boston, Nombamillcock, Attakapas, Sekelobakus, Jersey, Moos-himamugitcock, etc.), are of course entitled to such entertainment as they can appreciate and enjoy—even though, as would seem to be the case—they prefer Forrest to Hamlet, and robustious periwig-pated fellows, to real artists.

Still it is a hard thing to have to provide for such fellows as, by the way, I notice my friend 'Persons' has found out; for having in one of his Feuilletons the *Lander*, alluded to Mrs. 'Thalia Wood,' he was prematurely summoned by one of his new constituents to explain himself, which of course he straightway did, and in the following shape:

"A postscript to my last I have to say, and I trust it is something worth knowing. I have just received a letter from America, of the 15th inst., in which Mrs. Thalia Wood is mentioned as having returned to America, and why she is mentioned as having returned to America, I will endeavor to answer them."

Whether or not Mrs. Thalia Wood intends to return to America, I cannot say.

As the French say, that depends. Thalia's people are like nearly everybody else. They go where they think they can make the most money, and stay as long as there is a dollar to be had. This being a mitigated way of saying that she is a money-hunter, and that she is a money-hunter, I should not be so much surprised if she were to return to America."

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the other day, with his usual capriciousness, repeating an unfavorable notice of General Morris. "It is a piece of 'supercatation' (sic). The thing has been done over and over again a thousand times. But where's the use?"

"General Morris's name is adapted to the taste of 'the people,' not only of this country, with its mean standard of literary taste, but to those of England."

"a puff, by the way, for which the General ought to pay quite as much as a line as if it were written in good English, which couldn't, of course, have been expected."

It only remains for the *Corier* to do the same service for Forrest, and the Great Tragedian's defeat, like the Great Poet's (and their greatness is of the same order), will be accomplished in a manner as once done, complete, and conclusive.

Relax!

### QUELQU'UN.

(For The New York Saturday Press.)

#### MINOR EXPERIENCES IN AMERICA.

I found the hall-rooms and saloons generally, in New York, crowded with young persons of both sexes, with an almost imperceptible sprinkling of mamma; and I could not help thinking how different the state of things in America, where every one would be filled with horror at the idea of allowing young women to attend balls, parties, etc., unaccompanied by their parents, or by watchful chaperons.

And nevertheless the custom is in harmony with the primitive life of small societies and cities, and had its origin, in this country, in the simple, unadorned, respectable life of the colonies.

At a private ball in New York, I was once asked whether I ever saw much splendor at home in St. Petersburg. The question betrayed such simplicity—or ignorance—and was asked with such perfect composure of countenance, that I was perplexed how to answer. I finally said that I had seen a great many jewels, diamonds, etc., in my life, but that I was unable to make comparisons.

In another instance, my host took me all over his house, from cellar to garret, explained to me all its details, and finally wound up by telling me what it all cost. I was much surprised at having such a statement made to me at a ball; but now I should think nothing of it.

In yet another instance (this also among the Knickerbockers), I went to a farewell-ball given in a Fifth Avenue mansion, on the occasion of its having been sold to a banker. Judge of my amazement at the proprietor taking me aside, and telling me of the whole transaction, dwelling with great emphasis on the words, "for cash, sir! for cash!" which he repeated several times.

When I got to my room I looked in Webster's to get at the full meaning of the word so emphatically and lovingly used. Now—alas, too late—I have learned to appreciate the full significance of "cash"—and its absence.

At all the balls and dancing-parties I attended, nothing was heard of but the Polka, which at that time had hardly got a foot-hold in the aristocratic saloons of Europe.

Occasionally only—and then somewhat ashamed—the Polka showed her face; but not till the close of the evening, when the candles were nearly burned out.

Even the European bourgeoisie persecuted the unhappy—and as they thought her—dangerous siren; in fact, in 1844 the burgomasters of Liege banished her from all public entertainments.

But I was not more astonished at the universal presence of the Polka, than to find that waiters generally whirled their partners from left to right, instead of from right to left, as in the saloons of Europe—this reverse fashion prevailing especially among the Polish, Bohemian, and Moravian peasantry, and in the suburbs of Vienna.

This and similar eccentricities performed on the floor of New York saloons, made me suspect that they took their dancing-dances from Mozart's, or some equally distinguished place in Paris.

Do not laugh at me for the interest I take in waiting. I spent my youth in Germany, that fairy-land of waltzes and tender partners. At one epoch of my life—when gliding over the slippery floors of the St. Petersburg palaces—I might have made my way in the world easier through my pumps than through my brain.

During the Winter of 1849-50, there arrived in New York, the first instalment of Magyars, who after heroically fighting against the Hapsburgs and Russians, became patriotic martyrs and exiles. The presence of the brave Uhlayi, Governor of Comorn, and his companions, created a great excitement in the city and all over the country. It revealed to me the nobler features in the character of my new compatriots. It was the first time in my life I had witnessed such an enthusiasm in the welfare of distant nations, such a spontaneous and general outburst of large masses of people—as without conscious tumultuousness, and yet perfectly orderly in all its manifestations.

For me it was the first evidence of how self-government generates noble and ennobling impulses.

I was sorry, however, to see how easily this American enthusiasm for liberty and its martyrs could be abused; how false pretensions easily humbugged the generous-minded public to an extent impossible anywhere in Europe. Uhlayi's band contained some—though very few—low and unheroic adventurers, who, however, were not Magyars. These excited the greatest noise, because the most admired, and got the most credit on account of their lies.

One evening, at a literary party, a sudden rush to our corner of the room attracted my attention. I asked a well-known literary man near me—who was preparing to join the crowd—what all the commotion was about.

"It is Frederika Bremer," he replied.

"And who is Frederika Bremer?" I asked, astonished.

"You don't know Frederika Bremer?" he exclaimed, with evident contempt for my ignorance depicted in his face. "Let me introduce you."

I politely declined, when he turned away in indignation and disgust. We often met each other, afterward, but he always kept haughtily aloof from me.

When very young I had witnessed similar excitement in European saloons at the entrance of Walter Scott and Goethe; and afterwards of a Rabelaisian, a Hegel, a Schelling, an Arago; of the Humboldts, of Thiers, of Victor Hugo, of Ortolan, Maudslowi, Guizot, Guizot, Guizot, and numerous other literary and scientific celebrities; but it was beyond my comprehension how Frederika Bremer could make all this stir in saloons—'blue' and other—in New York and all over the Union.

Her little, but finely-spoken German, may be very 'nice,' but I am sure that even in Germany, their popularity does not extend beyond the sphere of boarding-school saloons, nursery-maid, and circulating libraries. But Scandinavian literature, and antiquaries generally, are highly valued in America, although it does not make the whirlwind in Newport a Scandinavian relic.

Always an early riser, I often used to permeate the city before dawn, especially through the streets inhabited by the poorer classes—I was not aware, then, how dangerous it was; still I never met with an accident, although, to my astonishment, I rarely fell in with a policeman (this was in 1850), and still less with any police.

The absence of police, and the fact of never having been attacked or even annoyed, gave me a high opinion (unfounded, I think) of the morality and comparative prosperity of what would be called the 'blue' class of the American population. I have since learned, however, that in the midst of the capital of America, to go about in the streets, the poorest of the poor generally are the most dangerous.

The European operative and mechanic generally he out at dawn, and in Winter before dawn—at work, by candle-light or fire-light, in his shop, slowly, or so.

As far as my observation extended, it was not so here: the poorer classes sleeping more and working less than they do in Europe.

I considered this a good and cheering sign, in respect to the vigor and general condition of the working classes (though my observations were necessarily superficial), and I warmly congratulated humanity that at least we are not so far from the ideal of a social and political organization could exist without the scourge of inevitable pauperism at its base.

How different from the state of things I left behind me in Europe!

Never before having lived in a part where the laborer and the sleeping man sleep, as it were, by the side of the streets, I did not see the same either in London or St. Petersburg. I used to take pleasure in watching, at about six in the morning, among the upshot, and studying this, to me, new feature of human activity and energy. As elsewhere, I was never subjected to the least molestation.

Only once, a good-natured man asked me on board his ship, loaded me to go, and offered me a 'show,' wondering, but not offended, at my refusing the second-named delivery.

While riding in an omnibus, one day, a well-dressed young woman reached out her hand to me, in a commanding manner, but without a breath of explanation, or the least ostensible expression on her stern countenance. I understood the imperative gesture only when another gentleman took some money from her hand, and passed it up to the driver.

All this looked suspicious to me.

European women, of all nations and classes, when they ask or require a service, do so not only courteously, but with a pleasant expression of face, and acknowledge the service in the same spirit. From the queen on the throne to the humblest peasant-girl this is invariably the case.

I had often read and heard that every woman in America was a lady. I had seen in the shop-window 'A Lady Wanted.' All this is well; but a woman thus become a lady ought to preserve her womanhood; that is, to remain the same soft and graceful being which Nature intended.

I met with several adventures similar to the above. While going to a morning-reception in Boston, I saw a carriage stop before the house, and a 'lady' descend from it. As it was raining violently I respectfully proffered my umbrella. The 'lady' pushed it aside with the air and manner of an offended, outraged, but I had better not use any comparison.

At another time, when travelling by rail through Virginia, a lady and her daughter entered the car. It was night. I had a respectable corner-seat, and having already travelled thirty-six hours, was very tired and sleepy. Madam stood before me, impatiently waiting for me to move.

"Will you give up your seat to us, sir?"

"There were other seats in the car."

"Silently, I bowed a 'No.'"

"You are not a gentleman, sir."

"I am not, madam, only a weary traveller."

"At the next station, a colored woman with an infant came in. She made no fuss, and I promptly gave her up my seat."

The old-fashioned (called by some aristocratic) rule, strongly enforced on our minds by our mothers, was: "Be polite to a woman whether she wears a crown or dress in rags" (in Europe, we know nothing about prejudice against color), and deal with all kinds of men, kings included, as you like. The idea being that man can arrange their own matters of behavior with each other.

I religiously observe my mother's teaching towards all I see.

### CHESS COLUMN.

By S. LLOYD, of New York.

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PROBLEM No. 41.

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White to play, and make three moves.

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## THE BETROTHED.

BY JAMES HEWITT, M.D.

For all the ages man has lived and died,  
Dug mines, leaved forests, and the ocean wide,  
Planted and plowed and reaped, and bought and sold,  
And prayed to heaven and gathered hoards of gold,  
Never was maiden loved as thou by me,  
And never youth deceived as I by thee.

For all the ages yonder glorious sun  
Round this great world his annual course has run,  
Dispensing to poor mortals heat and light,  
Summer, Spring, Autumn, Winter, day, and night,  
Never was simple maid so cruelly  
Betrayed by perjured man as I by thee.

So long as tides shall flow and tempests sweep,  
And billows to the shore roll from the deep,  
So long as grass is green and flowers are blue,  
And flowers, on Summer mornings, wet with dew,  
I'll hate the name of woman and believe  
God made her lovely only to deceive.

So long as I have vital strength and heat,  
So long as in these veins a pulse shall beat,  
So long as in this bosom heart a sigh,  
So long as in this brain dwells memory,  
I'll curse the unlucky month, week, hour, and day,  
I gave my free heart to a man away.

Cursed hour! I will remember it! 'Twas night;  
We stood there in the orchard, in the light  
Of the full moon, thy right hand clasped in mine,  
In thy left hand this sprig of yew;—  
Thou on this spring sweet, I on the moonlight,  
To be each other's ever from that night.

The jasmine's withered, the full moonlight fled,  
Thine oath forgotten, my love cold and dead;  
Here let us part; take thou thy separate way,  
And I'll take mine; to-morrow a new day;  
May it shine happy, and may I be free,  
Henceforth as seldom think as I of thee.

Farewell, and happy live; thy jasmine  
I give thee back; and shouldst at once e'er incline  
To love another, look on the dead flower  
And of thine oath think and that moonlight hour,  
Then give thine heart, thy eye, and smile,  
Break thy new oath, and cry: how false men!

Agreed; give me the flower; Heaven, hear me swear  
By this once sweet flower and this moonlight air,  
And by thyself and your bright sun above,  
As true and faithful as to my first love,  
I've ever been, I'll be to my second;  
So help me Heaven, I pray on bended knee.

Nay, rise not yet; kind Heaven, hear me too swear  
By thee and by this flower, your sun, this air,  
Beside my first love here on bended knee:  
I'll to my second love as faithful be,  
As constant, true, and kind eternally,  
As my first, second, only love to me.

THEOPHILUS NICHOLSON, DUBLIN, JANUARY 28, 1854.

## THE SPREAD EAGLE IN ENGLAND.

[From the Liverpool Post, August 31.]

Opening of the First Street Railway in Europe—Inauguration of the Street Railway at Birkenhead.

Yesterday the first street railway in Europe was formally opened in Birkenhead. Our readers have been from time to time apprised of the progress of Mr. George Francis Train's street railway scheme. Incredible exertions have been used, and on Tuesday a trial trip took place on the line with perfectly successful results. The line was opened for traffic yesterday, and the event caused an almost total suspension of business in the town. Four of the elegant new omnibuses were running on the line, and were crammed each journey with gentlemen who were invited by the patentee, and with the general public. The utmost admiration was expressed at the smoothness and easy working of the line, and the opinion was universal that the street railway, the latest importation from the States, was in every respect a decided success. The energetic patentee was loudly congratulated as he moved amongst the crowds on the route. Amongst the invited guests were deputations from many of the principal corporations in the kingdom, and the attendance would have been larger but for the pressure of mercantile business. Those gentlemen who did attend from a distance will, we have no doubt, carry with them a perfect conviction of the success of the street railway, and its adaptability to general traffic.

## MR. TRAIN'S SPEECH.

MR. TRAIN, who was received with great applause, said: Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, overwhelmed by the warmth of your greeting, don't be surprised if, with the national timidity of my character—so peculiar to my countrymen (laughter)—my knees shake, and my tongue cleaves to the roof of my mouth, in rising on this 30th of August occasion, to tell you how proud I am to throw back upon you as many kind and honest words of friendship, as you have showered upon me. Having been called upon so unexpectedly, being totally unprepared, and naturally bashful—(laughter)—you must be generous in your judgment should I break down while addressing you. Want of confidence is a great drawback to a public speaker, and an unassuming disposition almost fatal. (Laughter and applause.) Possessing, as you are aware, these unfortunate attributes, with all possible humility, I beg the indulgence of this most noble assembly of distinguished men, during the few minutes which are allotted to me in acknowledging the toast. One would have supposed that a really good thing in this living age of competition would have been at once adopted; but I assure you Bunyan's pursuit of knowledge under difficulties was nothing to my endeavor to introduce into the Old World one of the greatest luxuries of the New. Men are true to their instincts, good or bad. The sacred fire burns to a greater or lesser degree in us all. When the instincts of travel go hold of me, I was not contented till I had looked in at the windows of all the nations. When the instinct of the hawk was the only one worth saving for seed. (Laughter.) When I found there was no more contracts to make for the Italian army, I left Paris and went to America last year, to look after the extensive domain, near an Atlantic city, of one of the royal families of Europe. They met me everywhere—street railways in New York, street railways in Baltimore, street railways in Cincinnati, street railways in Philadelphia, street railways in St. Louis, and street railways in Chicago. Why are they not in Europe, I asked myself, but could give no answer. One reason was, everybody was occupied—nobody had time, and nobody money. Observation has taught me that the higher you go in life—socially, financially, commercially, and politically—the shorter people are. (Cheer.) Everybody seems hard up. Rothschild's bills meet about once in forty years, and when the Bank of England is in a tight place they get an extension from the government. (Heard, heard, and laughter.) Then it was that I sold myself to you. The more I reflected the firmer was my conviction. Some bankers joined me, but only for London, Paris,

and St. Petersburg. Never mind, the instinct got complete control, and out I came, arriving in the Mersey in October last. While waiting for a friend at the Birkenhead railway station, I entertained the cabman about what I was going to do at Birkenhead. (Laughter.) Then came the tug of action. I argued—I explained—I reasoned—but to little purpose. Pamphlets, letters, engravings, I threw off by the thousand. Knowing that the tongue and pen were the battering rams of good or evil, knowing that thinking men were persecuted, and inquiring minds thrust-screwed in every age, I stuck by the ship. (Loud applause.) I went to Paris. The Emperor was too busy with the armies. I came to England, London was too conservative; Liverpool seemed asleep. Time passed; weeks flew past; months were going and money two; when instinct again pointed to Birkenhead—practical men met in a practical way. I showed them my cards. Will you take all risk? Yes. Will you pay all legal damages against the Commissioners? Yes. Will you take up the rails in case of being a public nuisance? Yes. Will you repave the streets at your own expense—pay for lighting and watching the road during the business day? Yes. Well, you know, Mr. Train, we are business men, representing a business community; what security will you give, we don't know you personally? Anything you like, gentlemen; say the rails, the materials on the ground. No, that won't answer. What then? Three thousand pounds. Three thousand pounds—well! All right—you shall have it in sovereigns or consols, and to-day if you say so.

Hedged in with conditions, bound down by legal ties, I went at it without one word of actual sympathy or encouragement. (Applause.) I knew that it was a natural law, the law of prejudice could not be removed by preaching against it. I knew that the only way to dialogue a bad thing was by proposing a better. I knew that round tables always looked oblong to the short-sighted. I knew that majorities don't always rule—that bankers seem to have more faith in advancing on two good names than on gold dust, and thought, up to the recent panic, there was nothing like leather. I knew that I was called fast, but have not yet discovered why there is more dignity in dulness than in vivacity, more dignity in going slow than moving fast. (Cheer.) Is the owl really any wiser than the eagle? In what respect is the donkey or the mule superior to the racehorse? I have long believed that the hare was making the second journey when the tortoise passed him during his sleaze. (Laughter.) Observing these things, I remembered that a little chink lets in a great light. Where there is a will there's a way. So I kept my own counsel, and amused myself by noticing the shrugs and winks of the doubters, and in listening to the sneers of the skeptics. I was not aware before this that there were so many idlebills in this Christian country. During this Pilgrim's Progress I found it proper to state I have had enough good advice poured upon me to have swamped a dozen such projects; but knowing that it was a great natural law that a man was not a prophet in his own country, or with his own kindred, or among his own friends—firmly believing that the good advice of one's friends is perfectly suicidal to his success—I made up my mind to accomplish what-ever I undertook, one of the most serious of my many faults being the Herculean idea I had of my own ability. My speeches are sometimes called gas, thereby insinuating that they are both luminous and exhilarating. (Cheer.) The modesty of assumption is better than the egotism of humility. (Heard, heard.) Few practice humility to their inferiors. Men are humble for two reasons—one, the fear of ridicule, which paralyzes their energies; the other, the praise of having men say, "There is a clever man; see how modest and retiring he is." Now take the modesty of assumption. The man who assumes a position without capacity to support it will fall, through the uncharitable sneers of the world. Put your hands to the fire and you will get burnt. Walk off St. Paul's and the Newmarket, and you will sink. So be who puts on airs must take them off again. Water went run up hill. It is a singular fact that if you run your spring-cart over a rough road all the small potatoes will go to the bottom. (Cheer and laughter.) A man is either a diamond or not a diamond. If a diamond, the more he comes in contact with clever men—the more polished and valuable he becomes. If a pebble he will waste away with the action of the intellectual tide. I believe in destiny, but it must be backed up by patience, perseverance, and luck. I believe in stars, but it must be endorsed by faith, hope, and energy. I know the better the invention, the more severe the opposition—that this was not opposed to its impracticability, but for its practicability. Providence, Napoleon observed, was always on the side of the strongest battalions; and I also remembered of the old lady saying, when her horse ran away down the hill, that she put her trust in Providence till the breaching broke, and then she thought it time to take care of herself. (Laughter.) Cromwell, you remember, had the same idea about the powder. I knew the road to success was macadamized with the bones of unsuccessful men, and yet success is not always the test of merit. A man's mind must be in proportion to his seal. As one fact was better than one hundred analogies, I built this—they are all present, ask them—(cheer)—most people looking upon me as a harmless lunatic, growing saner and saner, however, as I progress towards completion. Rumors every day came out—another omnibus broke—another horse fell on the rails—another gentleman's carriage-wheel wrenched off. Then stories of injunctions, prosecutions, mandamus; but what of that—a regiment of bayonets, a battery of rifled cannon, would not have deterred me had street railways been behind them. Hence, these ill-fated popguns, revolvers, and muskets of opposition were only pepper and mustard to my roast beef. (Cheer.) To-day I hear nothing of the noble army of martyrs. Nothing so stimulates the passion as opposition—nothing so bracing to the system as cold water. Where would the engine go in Lime street tunnel but for the brakes? How preserve champagne in the bottle without the cork? It is the opposition was upon the sanguine powder that gives force to the cannon ball. Peel fared protection, and Gladstone pummelled it after it was done. Spurgeon has introduced free-trade into the pulpit—Napoleon into diplomacy—Rowland Hill into the Postoffice—Barry into horse taming—Garibaldi into revolution—Powell into phrenology—and Birkenhead has to-day introduced free-trade into locomotion. (Cheer.) Is it popular? Go and ask the laboring men employed in making the road—in cutting the timber—in casting the iron. Go and ask the navvies who have so well earned my money, if street railways are not a blessing to the community?

Satiated with commendation, censure was gratifying, more especially as the rotten eggs of slander and the dead cats of sarcasm are always hurled at innovators in every land. Week after week I paid the workmen—fifty to eighty a day. Where does the money come from? I ask one. Will it succeed? Inquire another. Why make such liberal offers to the Commissioners? Because I wanted despatch. Will it pay? I say a third. Why interest yourself on that subject? I don't ask you for any money; the best evidence that I think so is that I have run all the risk. Others seem astonished to see me patent the whole principle. They should know that priority itself is a freehold under the primogeniture laws of England, and I am twelve months ahead. By the patent laws of this country, the man who introduces an invention into the kingdom is the inventor and receives full security, besides my nationally guaranteed right. Whoever heard of an American running any risk in placing untried confidence in an Englishman's sense of justice? (Great applause.) With privacy, with money, with the patent, with the knowledge, and having full confidence in my engineer, Mr. Pullin, who came endorsed to me from Philadelphia, I never turned to the right or left. The result you see to-day. I knew that I had the most profitable idea of the generation, and this by little I could discern prejudice—little by little an

corn makes an oak—and by and by the honest common the coral monum—drop by drop the sun is engraved—stone by stone the Cheops was built; so I argued on argument, word by word, I have worked steadily afterwards, a team of clock fast mules. The honest common shepherds were making pillows of the American nuggets, ignorant of their value, when Hargreaves saw that it was gold, yet so slow the mind, so suspicious the people, it was sold in Lombard street for a period less than its market value for nearly two years. It was only the other day they discovered that a diamond half the size made the same noise. Only a few years since McHenry invented the nose on the locomotive, and Appold the step to the carriage. Since McHenry's locomotive each improvement in shipbuilding has been measured at. Where ignorance is so wise it is folly to be blissful—street railways were howled down when first proposed in America—conclusion held back. 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